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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
ROD ROSS et al.

Application No.: 09/895,304

Filed: June 29, 2001

For: **CUTTING BLADE ASSEMBLY
FOR A MICROKERATOME**

Examiner: Sarah K. Webb

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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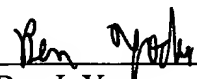
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two (2) month extension of time, extending the period for response to February 27, 2003 from the Office Action dated September 27, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$205.00, to cover the petition for extension of time fee.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0946. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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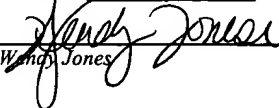
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